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Brandon Linn
Rodney Phillips
Charles Seaford
Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, October 02, 2018
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Withers called the regular meeting of October 2nd, 2018 to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Withers called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Charles Seaford. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Withers amended the agenda with the addition of a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss Economic Development. Mr. Phillips made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from the September 4th, 2018 regular meeting
- b) Adopt Ordinance to close street for the Cruise In
- c) Adopt Resolution of Supporting Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- I) Mayor Withers stated we fared very well with the storm. He stated Mr. Seaford wanted the Mayor to pass on that staff did a great job taking care of the town. He stated there was some damage to the new bridge that was being built on Patterson Street.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- I) Fire Department
Chief Zimmerman stated this was a very busy month. He stated all Department Heads had several meetings and discussions concerning the storm and worked well together during the event.

II) Police Department

Chief Deal stated he provided the Council with an Annual report along with the monthly report.

III) Administration

Mr. Deal stated the renovations for the Community Building continuing to move forward. He stated the base board was placed in today and cam lights will be placed in this week. He stated all the trees have been removed on the property and we are waiting on pricing from Godley's Garden Center for landscaping.

a) Finance

Mr. Deal stated Mrs. Bopp is still working with the new financial system and learning the new software.

b) Event Coordinator

Ms. Price stated the Stand Together Festival went well. She stated the last Cruise In will be held on October 20th and Smitty and the Jumpstarters will play from 5:00 – 7:00pm. She stated Downtown Trick or Treating will be on October 31st.

Mayor Withers thanked Ms. Price for working hard on the Newsletter. He stated it is on Facebook, the website and placed around town in local businesses. Mrs. Price stated there has been 171 views from the website on the Newsletter, and reached 1,800 people on Facebook. She stated we plan on doing the Newsletter quarterly.

c) Code Enforcement

Mayor Withers asked the Council to read over Mr. Ritchie's report because he addresses possibly changing the wording in the Ordinance for chronic violators.

IV) SRU

Mr. Wilson stated there is a contractor still working on the sewer rehab project.

CLOSED SESSION

I) Economic Development – General Statue 143-318.11. (a) (4)

Mr. Linn made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:04 pm pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss Economic Development. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 7:18 pm. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stourd made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Lee Withers
Mayor